

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the Title with the following:

RECORDING AND PLAYBACK APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CORRECTING  
FOCUSING PRECISION

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 8, line 13 as follows:

The judgment means is capable of forming a judgment to correct the focus precision if a temperature inside a disk drive setting the recording medium is determined to have increased by a predetermined-temperature-raise amount.

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 18, line 10 as follows:

As another method of forming a judgment at the step S5, a temperature detected by a sensor provided inside the disk drive 1 is examined to determine whether or not the temperature has increased by a predetermined-raise amount. If such a method of judgment is adopted, correction of the focus precision is deemed necessary when the temperature detected by a sensor provided inside the disk drive 1 is determined to have increased by a predetermined-raise amount.